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7LONG ISLAND ESTATE EAVESDROPPING POST FOR KGB; DOCUMENTARY SAYS

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WASHINGTON (AP) - A SOVIET-OWNED ESTATE IN GLEN COVE, N.Y., SERVES NOT JUST AS A RECREATIONAL FACILITY FOR SOVIET PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE UNITED NATIONS BUT ALSO AS AN ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING POST, ACCORDING TO A TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON THE KGB.

THE 13-PART, CANADIAN-PRODUCED SERIES WAS SCHEDULED TO HAVE ITS U.S. PREMIERE MONDAY EVENING ON "INDEPENDENT NETWORK NEWS," A PROGRAM CARRIED BY MORE THAN 70 U.S. TELEVISION STATIONS UNAFFILIATED WITH THE THREE MAJOR NETWORKS.

THE DOCUMENTARY FOCUSES ON NORTH AMERICAN OPERATIONS OF THE KGB, THE MASSIVE SOVIET ESPIONAGE AND SECRET POLICE APPARATUS WHICH COMBINES BOTH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AND INTERNAL SECURITY FUNCTIONS.

SINCE THE MID-1970S, THERE HAVE BEEN PRESS REPORTS ABOUT SOVIET MICROWAVE INTERCEPTION OF U.S. TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS BY USE OF ADVANCED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE SOVIET CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

SIMILAR ELECTRONIC INTERCEPT OPERATIONS, THE TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY REPORTS, ARE ALSO BEING CONDUCTED AT SOVIET DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FACILITIES INCLUDING A NEW YORK CITY APARTMENT BUILDING AND THE SOVIET-OWNED ESTATE IN GLEN COVE, N.Y.

IN AN INTERVIEW ON THE PROGRAM, ARKADY SHEVCHENKO - WHO WAS THE HIGHEST-RANKING SOVIET OFFICIAL AT THE U.N. WHEN HE DEFECTED TO THE UNITED STATES IN APRIL 1978 - DESCRIBED THE GLEN COVE SITE.

"ALL THE TOP FLOORS OF THE BUILDING ARE FULL OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT ... TO INTERCEPT ALL CONVERSATIONS; TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS ON ANYTHING WHICH IS GOING ON. ... AT LEAST 15 OR 17 TECHNICIANS WERE WORKING ... TO DO ALL THIS JOB."

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